

Scraps and Facts.

Descending from an automobile into the midst of the throng of holiday shoppers on upper Broadway Saturday night, three men smashed the window of a jewelry store with a brick wrapped in towels and escaped with 71 diamond rings which they snatched from trays in the display window. The rings were valued at \$10,000. The robbery was carried out with the utmost daring. Parking their expensive looking car in the line of automobiles which stood at the curb, two of the bandits, fashionably attired, strolled nonchalantly toward the jeweler's display window, leaving a third companion at the wheel. A dozen persons were inspecting the jewels behind the glass when one of the new arrivals drew from under his arm what appeared to be a parcel—the brick wrapped in towels. Before any of the pedestrians realized what was happening, the parcel was hurled at the window, shattering the thick plate glass, and making the gems readily accessible through the jagged opening. . . . Gathering up two trays containing the 71 valuable rings, the bandit pair quickly withdrew to the curb, climbed into their car and disappeared into the streams of traffic along the brilliantly lighted thoroughfare. Two customers and eight clerks were in the store when the robbery occurred.

Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, exploded a bomb in the senate last week during the discussion of the naval appropriation bill. The recent arms conference at Washington dealt with the scrapping of certain warships under 10,000 tons, and a ten-year cessation of further construction of such vessels. Since then the nations have been devoting their resources to the construction of smaller craft under 10,000 tons and increasing their aircraft and submarine armaments. Senator Borah took the position that there was no way of restoring conditions to normal except by an international business and economic conference. He said that the reparations question has to be settled; that Europe is unable to pay or buy our farm products and manufactured goods, and the result is stagnation. Further, unless something is done by way of relief that there will be another war, and that will cost more than we will lose by way of giving up the debt that Europe now owes us. Senator Borah's proposition points in the direction of the league of nations, of which he was one of the most violent opponents. He says there is no use in spending money on a ship subsidy when there are no cargoes to send and nobody to buy them, and with American farm products rotting in the fields because a starving world that needs them has nothing to give in exchange. The senate farm bloc is behind Senator Borah in his proposition, and also the almost solid Democratic party is in sympathy with his underlying principles.

There is a seething situation in and around Mer Rouge, La., that is concentrating the attention of the entire country because of the conflict between the Ku Klux and the constituted authority. On the night of the 24th of August last while large numbers of people were returning from a good roads meeting, a party of five was held up by a crowd of hooded men, taken to a point some distance from the roadside and given severe thrashings. While an old man of 70 named Daniel was being thrashed his son Wat, pulled the hood from the face of one of the tormentors and called his name loud enough to be heard by Thomas Richards. The hooded crowd, supposed to be Ku Klux, allowed three of the men to go their ways and carried off Wat Daniel and Thomas Richards, who were not again heard from. As the result of detective investigations extending over several months, it became a moral certainty that Daniel and Richards had been killed and their bodies thrown into Lake La Fourche, loaded down with wagon wheels. It was known by the license tags of their cars that the Ku Klux came from Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. Governor Parker invoked all the resources of the state in hunting down the murderers, and after making sure of what he thought was sufficient information, last week sent troops to drag Lake La Fourche, and other lakes if necessary. It was known that the other side was also busy to prevent the finding of the bodies and there was fear of danger from snipers with high powered rifles. While the military was making unavailing search, on the morning of December 22, a fisherman discovered two headless bodies floating near a boat landing. The boat landing had been badly torn by dynamite explosions, and people reported having heard the noise. This was at a point several miles from where the troops were stationed. The common theory was that the Ku Klux had undertaken to recover and make way with the bodies before they could be found by the authorities in order to obliterate the evidence. The bodies were identified as those of young Daniel and Richards. At least the identity seemed satisfactory to relatives and friends. The coroner took charge of the bodies and made some investigations that were not made public; but there is to be a public investigation January 5. T. C. Burnett, a former deputy, has been arrested on the charge of murder and on Tuesday Dr. B. M. Koin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, was arrested in Baltimore. It is known that the whole country around Mer Rouge, as well as a large part of Louisiana is like an armed camp for and against the Ku Klux. The sympathizers with the Ku Klux are denouncing the other side as boot leggers and black legs and the other side is denouncing the Ku Klux as marauding midnight murderers, etc. Distrust and terror exists through-

out the whole country. A number of additional arrests are promised for next week, and in the meantime anonymous threats of death and burning are floating around almost everywhere.

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The Yorkville Enquirer attains its 68th birthday on January 1.

Grade crossings should be abolished. The cost of doing the work is not to be measured against the lives that are being destroyed on account of them.

Will H. Hayes, chairman of the motion picture industries, has decreed that Fatty Arbuckle pictures may be shown again after January 1. Fatty is supposed to have been ruled out for the sake of decency. That was right. To put him back again seems like an apology to indecency.

There has been commenced a nationwide movement to require the equipment of all automobiles with automatic speed regulators and to make something like 25 miles an hour the maximum limit. Theoretically this is a good idea; but as to how it may work in practical operation suggests many complications. For instance, think of the advantage that hold-up men would have in an 80-miles per hour machine, with 25-miles per hour machines in pursuit.

At the instance of the state highway commission a bill will be introduced in the next general assembly to require a state license at the hands of all automobile drivers. The idea is not to charge more than a nominal fee for the license; but to impose a heavy fine on those who neglect to take the license out. And persons who transgress the laws of the road will probably be deprived of the right to drive.

Governor Harvey has reprieved Ira B. Harrison until February 16. Harrison, one of the murderers of J. C. Arnette, was sentenced to die last Friday with Frank M. Jeffords. His attorney, B. B. Evans, managed to stay his execution by means of an appeal to the supreme court. It will be remembered that the attorney first asked Judge Mauldin to appoint a lunacy commission to inquire into the sanity of Harrison. It had already been judicially established that Harrison was sane, and the judge refused. Evans then went to Justice Cotran, who also refused; but he could not prevent an appeal to the full court, and that acted as a stay of execution beyond the date on which Harrison had been sentenced to die. The clear purpose of the whole proceeding was mainly to secure delay. According to the usual course of such things Harrison would have been safe until next fall. Then there could be another appeal on some other ground, equally frivolous. After each delay extending beyond the time judicially fixed for the execution, the prisoner would have to be sentenced again, and that would mean a further wait until the next succeeding term of the Richmond general sessions. So in the effort to eliminate all this the governor reprieved the prisoner until February 16. It is probable that the court will dismiss the appeal as frivolous before that date, and unless Mr. Evans gets up another appeal, the execution will take place. Otherwise, if Mr. McLeod follows the precedent set by Governor Harvey, there can be other reprieves, and Mr. Evans will be kept quite busy hatching up new schemes to circumvent the execution of the law.

We are reproducing from the Anderson Daily Mail its comments on what The Yorkville Enquirer recently had to say in regard to a state highway system. There are few newspapers in South Carolina for whose opinion The Yorkville Enquirer has more respect than it has for the Anderson Daily Mail; but just as it appears that The Yorkville Enquirer did not make itself exactly clear in the paragraph reproduced in The Mail, it is hardly conceivable that The Mail would be satisfied to be judged as viewing the matter in the exact light its remarks would suggest. Certainly it will take taxes and more taxes to build a state highway system. The Yorkville Enquirer does not want to be understood as teaching otherwise. There is rarely such a thing as getting something for nothing, and when such a thing is so gotten it is of very little account. But the proposition that to an owner who does not want to sell, it makes very little difference, except for purposes of taxation, whether his farm is valued at \$15 an acre or \$150 an acre, is absolutely unsound. We know of farms in York county, plenty of them, which are mud-bound because of bad roads for two or three months out of each year. Suppose these farms were mud-bound the whole year, what would they be worth? And what do they lose by being mud-bound two or three months out of the year? Whether they are for sale or not, would they not be much more valuable to their owners if loaded wagons, trucks, or automobiles could go and come at

all times? The question answers itself. The people of this country got some little idea of what an embargo on freights meant to them. They got another taste during the recent strike of the railway shophmen. In neither case was the lesson as drastic as it might have been if the tie-up had been more complete. But in this connection just think of what a slowing up we suffer locally each year by reason of impossible highways! Surely no one is going to argue that this slowing up does not cost a great deal more than would be necessary for the construction of good all-the-year-round roads.

The Yorkville Enquirer believes that it costs the people of South Carolina a great deal more to do without good roads than it would cost to build them; that we are now paying double road tax without getting any benefit whatever. It is difficult for any thinking individual to believe the contrary, much less prove it. Of course we cannot get the roads without paying for them; but if we do pay for them we will get the benefit. Then why not build the roads and relieve ourselves of the surplus taxes we are now paying to no purpose.

Highwaymen killed a paymaster of a Pittsburgh coal company, on a lonely road near Pittsburgh last Saturday and got away with \$20,000 in cash that was intended for the payroll of the miners. President and Mrs. Harding gave each employe of the White House a \$5 gold piece as a Christmas present. Fred Allison, an automobile mechanic of Charlotte, died on Christmas day as the result of wounds received in a fight between prohibition officers and whisky runners near Lincoln, N. C. The last German prisoner in France was released on Christmas day, they having been held over on account of common law violations. Madam Sarah Bernhardt, the most famous actress in the world, is seriously ill at her home in Paris. The Seattle, Washington, police have a tip that Cleveland Bergdoll has been landed in that city from Germany. Twenty-three persons were admitted to the hospitals of Detroit, Michigan, on Christmas day, supposed to be suffering from drinking poisoned liquors. William Henry Melchor, aged 30, was killed at Winston-Salem, N. C., Tuesday, when he got in the way of a descending airplane. Former President Woodrow Wilson celebrated his 66th birthday Tuesday. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad company has just distributed half a million dollars among those of its employes who remained loyal during the recent railroad strike. The senate last week confirmed the nomination of Pierce Butler to be an associate justice of the United States supreme court. Ed Featherstone of Belmont, N. C., was killed on Christmas day when his automobile turned over down a grade near Claremont, between Statesville and Newton. The Pennsylvania grand lodge of A. F. M., has passed resolutions outlawing the Ku Klux and saying no good Mason will countenance the organization. Senator Lodge announced Wednesday that the president is considering the calling of an international conference to consider the economic problems of Europe. So far the sum of \$800,000 has been contributed toward the Wilson foundation fund of \$1,000,000. The death rate of the United States for the year just closing was 11.6 per 1,000 population, against 13.1 per 1,000 last year.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Gaffney won the up-state football championship from Thornwell orphanage at Greenville on December 19, by a score of 32 to 14. L. P. Boswell, 60, painter by trade, committed suicide in an Easley boarding house, Wednesday of last week, with a rifle. He was found in a dying condition shortly after the report of the shot. Governor Harvey has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza. He spent Christmas day in bed; but has since been getting along very nicely, although for several days there was fear of pneumonia. Frank M. Jeffords, one of the murderers of J. C. Arnette, his partner in the conduct of a filling station in Columbia, on the night of May 9 last, was executed last Friday. He went to his death calmly, claiming to have made his peace with God and to have no further fears. C. P. Sims and J. G. Southard, attorneys of Spartanburg, have been cited to appear before the supreme court tomorrow, to show cause why they should not return \$2,000 to W. W. Rhame, a former client. Rhame having been convicted of conducting a disorderly house, was fined \$3,000, which he turned over to his attorneys. The fine was afterward reduced to \$1,000, and Rhame wants to know where he comes in. New York city reports the driest Christmas on record. The prohibition enforcement officers did their best to make it so. They had marked in advance all the places that were known to be selling liquor on the sly and they had an officer before each door. Considerable liquor was confiscated during the day. There was not a single drunk or disorderly defendant before what is known as the "West Side" court. The oldest attaches of the court were unable to remember a previous Christmas that passed under similar conditions. There were eight deaths during the day from drinking poisoned liquor and twelve drunks were treated at Bellevue, the famous hospital for drunks. The eight who died from drinking poisoned whisky included two women. Autopsies were held in the cases of five of these victims.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

J. M. Stroup—We thank you. Kirkpatrick-Belk Co.—We pause at the back door. G. W. Whitesides & Co., Sharon—Let's make 1923 our very best year. York Hardware Company—Remember the "Red W Store." Peoples Bank & Trust Co.—Three important announcements. Bank of Clover—Only a few more days left. Feinstein's Department Store—It will pay you to visit our store for anything you need. McConnell Dry Goods Co.—A better store for 1923. York Furniture Co.—We have no complaints. Mackorell Drug Company—We thank you. W. L. Wallace—Happy New Year. J. M. Brian Company—You couldn't do. Joye Jewelry Co., Rock Hill—You'll make no mistake. Nivens Brothers, York and Clover—In 1923. The City Pharmacy, Clover—A big year for colds. M. L. Ford & Sons, Clover—Resolve to trade at Ford's. First National Bank of Sharon—Start it right. Cash and Carry Store—New Year's greetings. First National Bank of Clover—Speaking of New Year's resolutions. York Candy Kitchen, Peter Colgin, Proprietor—Is about to start the New Year. Sherrer & Quinn—1922-1923. W. E. Ferguson—Good-bye and howdy do. Peoples Furniture Company—History now. Clover Drug Store—We certainly thank our patrons. J. L. Houston, Probate Judge—Citation in re estate of H. D. Huffstetter, deceased. James A. Barrett—Notice of application for final discharge as administrator of the estate of W. A. Barrett, deceased. F. E. Quinn, Administrator—Notice to debtors and creditors of the estate of A. J. Quinn, deceased. Sam M. and S. E. Grist, District Agents—An appreciation. Star Theatre, J. Q. Wray, Manager—Happy More today in the "Flaming Clue." York Drug Store—Miraculous. Thos. W. Speck, Jeweler—Wedding gifts. D. M. Parrott, Clover—Make up your mind. J. L. Houston, Probate Judge—Notice of application as administrator in re estate of Robert L. Clinton, deceased. Shieder Drug Store—We thank you. Marion & Finley, Atty's—Federal farm loan money on long time and easy payments. All subscribers to The Yorkville Enquirer get the present issue of The Yorkville Enquirer and also the next two. This issue belongs to them and so does the next. It takes these two issues to make up for the suspension of last week. The next issue—that of next Friday—is thrown in for good measure. But after that all January 1 subscriptions that have not been returned, will be discontinued.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr. John Galloway of York No. 4, is suffering with pneumonia. Mr. Edgar M. Paris, carrier on York No. 8, is ill at his home with influenza. Robert E. Allen of Atlanta, Ga., visited the family of his mother, Mrs. R. C. Allen in Yorkville, this week. Mrs. J. M. Ferguson of Yorkville visited friends in Orangeburg this week. Miss Elizabeth Willborn of Yorkville, is visiting the family of Mr. S. M. Jones in Chester. Mr. James E. Burns of Lancaster, formerly a resident of Yorkville was a visitor here yesterday. He came to see his father Mr. A. E. Burns who lives in the Beersheba section and who is in the 85th year of his age.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

Local merchants generally are engaged in stock taking. Five arrests during Christmas—two or three for being drunk and disorderly and two for shooting fireworks in violation of the ordinance. Fred Taylor, who lives on South Congress street, had a shotgun accident on Christmas day, as the result of which his left hand was badly lacerated. He was taken to the Fennell Infirmary, where his hand was properly looked after. The little finger had to be amputated. The Marshall Oil company, with headquarters at Rock Hill, and supply tanks at other points in York and Lancaster counties, has sold its business to the Standard Oil company, and the Marshalls will continue in the management of the business for and on account of the Standard. No fights or murders Christmas, no fires, very little drunkenness, and only two or three arrests. Fire-cracker nuisance held down to a minimum. Electric lights were put out of business the night of December 20 by the burden of ice on the overhanging tree branches. Rain that had been falling steadily all the afternoon, began to freeze in the early evening and by 11 o'clock the wires gave way under the breaking of the trees. At about 2 o'clock the ice began to thaw, and by daylight it was practically all gone. The streets were strewn with fallen tree branches. The Christmas trade has been unusually good this year. It began to grow noticeable about a week before Christmas and continued in steadily increasing volume up to the following Saturday. Business was especially heavy on Saturday, all of the stores having about all they could attend to. The streets were crowded all day and generally the best of good order prevailed. J. H. B. Jenkins, Jr., active vice president of the Peoples Bank & Trust company, said yesterday that his Christmas savings club last year aggregated \$7,000 of deposits, and when this amount was paid over to the members of the club at Christmas, more than two-thirds of it was returned for deposit. "That Christmas savings club is a great thing for the community,"

ALONG THE WAY

W. Brown Gaudin, well known farmer and trapper of York No 3 shipped the first mink skins of the season to St. Louis dealer this week. According to Mr. Gaudin who in his time has caught hundreds of mink, the fur is of good quality this winter and it should bring good prices. Trappers generally get from \$5 to \$10 each for mink hides. There were seven in the shipment dispatched by Mr. Gaudin this week. William N. Neil, well known local bird hunter killed three partridges at one shot last Tuesday, according to J. E. Johnson who was hunting with him at the time. Although he has only one arm, Mr. Neil is noted as one of the best shots in this section. He and Mr. Johnson were hunting down in Bethesda township when a covey of partridges arose. Johnson did not shoot while Neil shot just one time. Three partridges fell. "If I had even shot I would certainly have claimed one of those birds," commented Mr. Johnson in telling the story. "But since I did not shoot at all, I had no right to make any claim."

THE MARRIAGE RECORD.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the probate judge as follows: Dec. 18—Sam Gray and Edna Johnson, Rock Hill. Dec. 18—S. E. Chambers and Mary W. Fewell, York township. Dec. 19—S. E. Reaves and Mary Lee Dye, Rock Hill. Dec. 19—Hood Gibson and Della Thomas, Rock Hill. Dec. 19—Graham Allen and Freida B. Allen, Gastonia. Dec. 20—Sam Earl and Eliza Thomason, colored, York township. Dec. 20—Robert L. Hope, York No. 7 and Mary Wallace, Hope No. 2. Dec. 20—Vernon Holder and Kate Payne, Winston-Salem, N. C. Dec. 20—Calvin W. Jones York No. 1 and Ollie Mae McAbee, Filbert. Dec. 20—James L. Branch and Johnnie Gardner, Rock Hill. Dec. 21—C. J. Anderson and Della Tennant, Rock Hill. Dec. 21—J. E. McFadden, Newport and Bertha J. Williams, Ebenezer. Dec. 21—Herbert Harris and Lenora Hamilton, Fort Mill. Dec. 21—Mack Smith, York No. 8 and Sadie Biggers, colored, Bethel township. Dec. 21—W. A. Smith, Yorkville and Margaret Adams, Bethel township. Dec. 22—Arthur Latta and Vester Turner, colored, McConnellville. Dec. 22—Floyd M. Davis and Mary J. Glenn, Bethel township. Dec. 22—Clifton Wilson and Azalee Collins, Fort Mill. Dec. 22—Roland D. Rogers and M. Dell McCall, Clover. Dec. 23—Robert Giles and Jennet Jordan, colored, Newport. Dec. 23—Willie Reid and Nannie Brice, colored, Lesslie. Dec. 23—Gus Hill and Maggie Parker, Yorkville. Dec. 23—Glenn Nivens and Annie Carroll, Yorkville. Dec. 23—James Taylor and Tabatha Adams, Yorkville. Dec. 23—Bob McCarter and Emma Davis, Charlotte. Dec. 23—A. J. Smith, Hickory Grove, and Neva Hemphill, Madina, Tenn. Dec. 23—C. W. Gallan and Rebecca Black, Rock Hill. Dec. 23—T. Edison Wallace and Annie V. Ray, Yorkville. Dec. 23—A. L. Bumgardner, Bessemer City, N. C. and Edna M. Sams, Lowell, N. C. Dec. 23—Primus Byrd and Letha Rawlinson, colored, Filbert. Dec. 23—Walton Little and Bertha Bracham, Gastonia, N. C. Dec. 23—Jack Parrott and Ruth Dickson, Yorkville. Dec. 23—Haskell Wilson and Nettie Jenkins, King's Mountain. Dec. 25—Earl Blackburn and Ethel Briggs, Hickory, N. C. Dec. 25—Henry Whitesides and Eva Green, Gastonia. Dec. 26—Stork Robert and Alice Good, Hickory Grove. Dec. 26—Moses Watts and Ora Blair, Yorkville. Dec. 26—M. E. Helms, Lancaster and Mary Olive Howie, Fort Mill. Dec. 26—L. Kimbrell, Fineville, N. C. and Vernie Culp, Fort Mill. Dec. 27—Fred Hanley, Florence, S. C. and Anna Goodman, Rockwell, N. C. Dec. 27—George Caldwell, Smith's Turnout, S. C. and Pearl Hemphill, colored, Rodman, S. C. Dec. 27—Pierce Morris and Linnie Smith, King's Mountain.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers have been indexed in the office of the county auditor as follows: Bethel—W. E. Adams to Ed C. Adams, Margaret Adams Brisson and G. W. Pleasant, 162 acres, \$4,970. Broad River—R. T. Castles to W. W. Whitesides, 1 lot \$15. T. E. McMackin, C. C. C. PIs, to T. Mitchell, 65 1-10 acres, \$1,302 (Morrow land). J. S. Wilkerson, Trustee of M. A. Hood, Bankrupt to B. N. Miller, 1 lot, \$187.50. W. W. Whitesides to R. T. Castles, 1-6 acre, \$25. Martha E. Warth to J. Thomas Smith, 260 59-100 acres, \$5 and other considerations. Bullock's Creek—Jno. T. Latham to Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church, 2 1-2 acres, \$1. Catawba—C. N. Steed to Powell and Tucker, 1 lot, \$100. J. W. Hicklin, et al, to J. T. Fain, 1 lot, full value (1-12 interest). Sam Brown to J. W. O'Neal, 1 lot, \$350. Hattie I. White, et al, to Effie Abee, 1 lot, \$250. Powell & Tucker to V. O. McSwain, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. Alberta Erwin to Powell & Tucker, 1 lot, \$150. Miss Orrie Steele to M. C. Parrish, et al, 1 lot, \$2,000. Mrs. J. M. Dozier to J. T. Devinney, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. J. T. Devinney to Henry G. Neely, 1 lot, full value, (Mrs. J. M. Dozier lot). Catawba Real Estate Co. to J. L. Phillips, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. Hattie J. Sanders to J. Ed Reid, 1 lot, \$5. Alex Long, Sr., to Mrs. T. B. Williams, 1 lot, \$225. W. G. Stevens to J. B. Johnson, 2 lots, \$690. Peoples Trust Co. Exors. Estate W. J. Neely to J. B. Johnson, 573 3-4 acres \$1,000 (Right title and interest in Johnson, Neely and Willford tract). J. P. Lesslie to Barber Lumber Co., 122 5-10 acres, \$1 and other considerations. Hattie I. White, H. H. White and B. I. White to J. W. Neal, 1 lot \$250. Ebenezer—Roxana T. Boyce to Basil H. Matthews, 1 1-10 acres, \$650. Catawba Real Estate Co., to Mrs. Mildred K. Barron, 1 lot, \$5 and other considerations. S. H. Epps, Sr., to Grover C. Epps 29 acres, \$600. King's Mountain—J. L. Wilson to J. F. Pursley, 1 lot, \$2,500. E. B. Price to Hawthorn Spinning mills, 1 lot, \$2,500. M. M. Deal to J. H. Gordon, 1 lot, \$1,785. S. A. Sifford, C. N. Alexander and R. L. Wylie to Hawthorn Spinning Mills, 1 lot, \$1,250, (part of Ida Robinson lot). J. L. McGill to W. B. McGill 52 1-3 acres, \$1. W. B. McGill to J. L. McGill, 50 acres \$1. M. M. Deal to J. L. McGill, 125 acres, \$4,000. Willie T. Jackson to J. Howard Jackson, 1 lot, \$200. Mattie Turner to Willie Jackson, 1 lot, \$200. C. N. Alexander to Hawthorn Spinning Mills, 15 2-5 acres, \$3,000. V. C. Stroup to C. N. Alexander, 15 2-5 acres, \$3,000. York—Thos. F. McDow to Walter B. Moore, 1 lot, \$675. Thos. F. McDow to E. B. Lowry, 1 lot, \$650. J. J. Thomas to A. L. Black, 35 acres \$962.50. Thos. F. McDow to Carroll Bros. 1 lot, \$75. T. E. McMackin, C. C. C. PIs. to W. D. and A. M. Grist, 1 lot, \$3,000 (Right

BROAD RIVER R. B. BONDS.

Does it mean the beginning of another suit to establish the validity of the \$24,000 worth of bonds that Broad River township voted in aid of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad? That is the question that was raised when a \$70 interest coupon was presented at the cashier's window at the treasurer's office one day last week. The bond from which the coupon was clipped was of the denomination of \$1,000, and of the Broad River issue of 1887, due January 1, 1897. The coupon was presented by the Peoples Bank and Trust company, having come to that institution from a bank in Charleston, and to the Charleston bank from some bank in the west. Treasurer Neil turned the coupon down flat, informing the bank that it was "no good," and it goes back to the holder with a notation to that effect. The circumstance of the presentation raises the question as to whether this coupon is the property of some innocent holder who is unacquainted with the status of that \$24,000 issue or does it mean the beginning of a new campaign of litigation to make Broad River pay? The \$24,000 bond issue in question was subscribed by Broad River township on a vote of the people in aid of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad, with the understanding that it was to become the property of the railroad company on the completion of the railroad through the township. This was in May, 1887. The road not having yet been completed, the issue was placed in the hands of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company, pending the fulfillment of the railroad's part of the contract. In November, 1888, while the bonds were still in the hands of the Trust company, the supreme court filed a decree in an Abbeville case in which it held that the legislature could not authorize a township that was not clothed with a corporate purpose to invest in the stock of a railroad company. The decision hit the case of the Broad River township bonds, and the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company was requested to hold on to the securities. In December following, however, the legislature passed an act providing for the payment of the bonds issued in aid of railroads in this state, and this act having been held constitutional by the supreme court, the Massachusetts and Southern Construction company applied to the United States circuit court at Charleston and procured an order directing that the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company turn the bonds over. This order of the court was complied with in 1890; but as the decree in no way attempted to pass on the validity of the bonds, the county commissioners refused to levy a tax to pay the interest. As the next step in the procedure, R. M. Morse, claiming to hold due and unpaid coupons, petitioned the supreme court to mandamus the county commissioners of York county to levy the necessary tax. The commissioners responded with a showing that the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the township of the time of the validation act, December 22, 1888, was only \$271,350, and that the bonds were no good because \$24,000, the aggregate amount of them, was in excess of 8 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in the township. Article 9 of Section 7 of the constitution of 1868, which governed at the time, prohibited the state or any municipal subdivision thereof to issue bonds in excess of 8 per cent of the assessed taxable valuation thereof. This contention has been upheld by the state supreme court, by the United States circuit court, and by the United States circuit court of appeals.

LOCAL LAGONICS

Boyd's Ferry Bridge.

Work on the Boyd's Ferry bridge has progressed to the point of laying the floor; but the problem of approach from the York side remains unsolved. York County Cotton. The output of York county gins up to December 13, 1922, was 25,347 bales, against 40,139 bales up to December 13 of last year. King's Creek to Smyrna. The Cherokee highway commission has decided to connect Blackburg with York county's West road at Smyrna, going direct to Smyrna from King's Creek, south of the railroad. Chester Calls Rev. Paul Pressley. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Chester, has extended a call to Rev. Paul Pressley of Louisville, Ga. The general expectation is that Mr. Pressley will accept. Accepts Gastonia Call. Rev. Dr. Ernest Orr of New Albany, Miss., recently called to the pastorate of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of Gastonia, has notified the congregation of his acceptance and will enter upon the work at once. Big Stock Dividend Declared. Stockholders of the Aragon Cotton Mills of Rock Hill on Wednesday voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$500,000 to \$750,000 and to declare a stock dividend of 133 1-3 per cent. The dividend is payable to the stockholders of record on December 1 and already has been ap-

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